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## Aruba celebrates its first King's Day!

The inauguration of HRM King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands was conducted on Queen's Day 2013, April 30, ushering in a new era for the Dutch and their first male monarch since 1898. The annual celebration, observed throughout Holland and all its territories, including Aruba, is now officially King's Day, celebrated on his actual birthday, April 27, excepting when it falls on Sunday, as it did this year. The date of April 30 was the birthday of Queen Juliana, his grandmother, but when Queen Beatrix ascended the throne, she kept the date intact, rather than have her countrymen celebrate in the bitter cold of her birth date in January.

In any case, it is always sunny in Aruba, except for the cloudy morning that herald-

ed Aruba's first official observance of King's Day, this past Saturday, April 26. The strict protocol of the government event opening the day basically remained the same. An honor guard from the Royal Dutch Marines and divisions of all ages from Aruba Scouting surrounded the Queen Wilhelmina Memorial in Oranjestad, awaiting the arrival of Governor Fredis Refunjol, the monarchy's official representative on Aruba.

Governor Refunjol arrived with his wife, Claret, was officially welcomed by the marines, and performed an inspection of the troops. President of Parliament Marisol Lopez-Tromp welcomed all on behalf of the Aruban government. During this annual ceremony, a highlight is the awarding of

the Governor Felipe B. Tromp Award for youthful achievement; encouraging youth to strive in every sort of endeavor was the topic of Mrs. Lopez-Tromp's address, and its importance to Aruba's future.

This year, the recipient of the Governor Felipe B. Tromp Award was Steven Max Lageveen, who has dominated the international world of windsurfing freestyle competition for youth since 2011 being described as "the best under 12" as far back as 2009 during the IFCA ProKids Freestyle World Championships, when he claimed third place. Last year, at the age of 15, he won first place at both the Freestyle World Championship Prokids and IFCA Freestyle Windsurfing Youth World Championship in Marseille, France, and placed second in the IFCA European Freestyle windsurfing Youth Championship.

Aside from his performance on the international pro-wind-



Steven Max Lageveen with Governor Refunjol

surfing circuit as Steven Max, he was also honored for sharing his passion, tenacity and determination with island youth by weekly volunteering his time to teach windsurfing and coach novice athletes. Additionally, he maintains an excellent grade average at school, where he is in the VWO, the most demanding academic curriculum in the Dutch educational secondary school system. Being such an admirable role model for island

youth in every aspect of his life, earned him the Governor Felipe B. Tromp trophy this year.

The official opening of Aruba's first King's Day celebration ended with a parade by Aruba Scouting down L.G. Smith Boulevard.

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King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands and Queen Maxima celebrated their first King's Day on Saturday, April 26. The royal couple were joined by their three daughters, Princess of Orange, Princess Alexia and Princess Ariane as they took part in the national day's activities, including in a river pageant on the river Amstel.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Minister of Tourism and agents representing Aruba in the US meet

Establish policies so Public Relations and Marketing can each focus on their respective portfolio



ORANJESTAD -- Last Thursday, April 17, Minister of Tourism, Transport, Primary Sector and Culture, Otmar Oduber, met with a number of companies that represent the island in the US. The purpose was to analyze results and determine if the government's expenditures toward the marketing of Aruba is getting 'return on investment'. The companies present were those in charge of the marketing, public relations and digital marketing of Aruba. The meeting was also

to analyze if there is need to change their strategies. "Although tourism has continuously increased for the last 3 to 4 years, there is always the need to meet and analyze our strategies. We have done a great deal in 2012 and 2013, which is now bearing fruit," the minister said.

According to Oduber, the agencies are using a database from years back, which is outdated. Currently acquired data is now analyzed and entered in a database in a more structural manner in order to get an

accurate view of where direct marketing efforts to attract visitors with great disposable incomes.

He also said they will focus on the bracket which earns over US\$ 100 per year. With the new data, they know precisely what part of the US they have to

target to draw vacationers who not only travel to Aruba, but spend more, once they have arrived.

Minister Oduber's inquiries were to know if the government is investing money effectively, yielding the maximum 'return on investment'. After talking with the companies and US marketing partners, he acknowledged that the Aruba Tourism Authority is doing a tremendous job.

The purpose of these changes and developments are to insure a stronger grab of the tourist market that enables the ATA and Ministry of Tourism to achieve their goal. It is their plan over the next 4 years to attract the high-income vacationers who have the means to spend more while in Aruba, which will keep revenues high without overcrowding the island.

## Win a trip to the World Cup with SETAR and Coca Cola

ORANJESTAD -- SETAR N.V., Aruba's national telecommunications company and Tropical Bottling of Aruba have joined forces for a tremendous World Cup campaign "You are only a bottle cap away from Brazil!". Juliska Henriquez of the SETAR marketing department and Vanessa Hollander of Tropical Bottling Company announced the ongoing promotional campaign.

Coca Cola is an official global sponsor of the FIFA World Cup 2014 coming up this summer. For the next twelve weeks, Tropical Bottling, the exclusive distributor on Aruba, has issued Coca Cola bottles in the 20oz and one liter size with a special yellow bottle cap. Under each cap can be found a code, which is the "raffle ticket" for a weekly drawing for fabulous prizes, with the grand prize being a trip to the World Cup in Rio. A second top prize will be a trip to Panama. Other fabulous prizes will be awarded weekly, such as the newest smartphones, tablets, Apple TV and much more.

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next twelve weeks, they can SMS the code they find in the bottle caps to number 6565 to enter the weekly drawings and get a chance at the final grand prize trip.

Drawings will be conducted and broadcast live every Thursday evening on TeleAruba, Channel 13, at 7:25 PM. Every week there will be several lucky winners from now until July 9. Look for the yellow caps on select sizes of Coca Cola and make sure to enter your codes.

Don't miss the weekly programs to find out if you are a winner!

## April 30 should be a public holiday in all the Dutch islands

ORANJESTAD - The Island Council of Bonaire accepted a motion to safeguard April 30 as a holiday. The Council of Government believes that not only must April 30 be an official holiday on Bonaire but also on Curaçao, Aruba and St. Maarten. These two motions were accepted by the Island Council, it was reported on the weekend.

The island wants to maintain the 25-year tradition, the 'Dia di Rincon,' which is celebrated on April 30. The change of the celebration of King's Day from April 30 to 27 brings serious complications for the organizing of the 'Dia di Rin-

con' festivities, according to the motion. Therefore, the Executive Council must make every effort to maintain the celebration of 'Dia di Rincon' on April 30.

April 30 is not only important for Bonaire. "This, in combination with the May 1 holiday, also offers extra off days for the inhabitants of the islands of Curaçao, Aruba and St. Maarten. On those days there are busy activities taking place on Bonaire and the other islands, like the Sami Sail on Curaçao and the St. Maarten Carnival," a spokesperson said.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# April 28: World Day for Safety and Health at Work

ORANJESTAD -- The International Labor Organization (ILO) celebrates the World Day for Safety and Health at Work on the 28th of April, to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally. It is an awareness-raising campaign intended to focus attention on emerging trends in the field of occupational safety and health and on the magnitude of work-related injuries, diseases and fatalities worldwide.

The 28th of April is also a day in which the world's trade union movement holds its international Commemoration Day for Dead and injured Workers to honor the memory of victims of occupational accidents and diseases and organize worldwide mobilizations and campaigns on this date.

The celebration of World Day for Safety and Health at Work is an integral part of the Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health of the ILO and promotes the creation of a global preventative safety and health culture, involving all stakeholders. In many parts of the world, national authorities, trade unions, employers' organizations and safety and health practitioners organize activities to celebrate this date. All are invited to observe this significant day and share the activities organized with the ILO.

In 2014, the theme of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work is: **SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE USE OF CHEMICALS AT WORK**

To commemorate this day, the Aruba Technical Inspections Department (DTI) will give a few tips on the varying functions the department performs. One of the department's tasks is Safety Inspection & Research (VI&O), which conducts inspections according to ordinance "Safety Regulation", 1990 GT 31, Safety Decree 1, AB 1991 GT 21 and Safety Decree 2, AB 1991 GT 22.

A DTI officer has the authorization to inspect the work conditions at all businesses and all construction projects, to insure the employees are working in a safe manner and environment. They also examine and consider the health of the employees. The officers must be discreet; and will not disseminate or disclose information about their work. All DTI officers wear an identification badge, with which they must identify themselves, and are also required to explain the reason for the inspection.

Following a check list, the following points are noted: Name, address and amount of employees – male and female and juvenile – working hours, kind of work, condition of the construction,

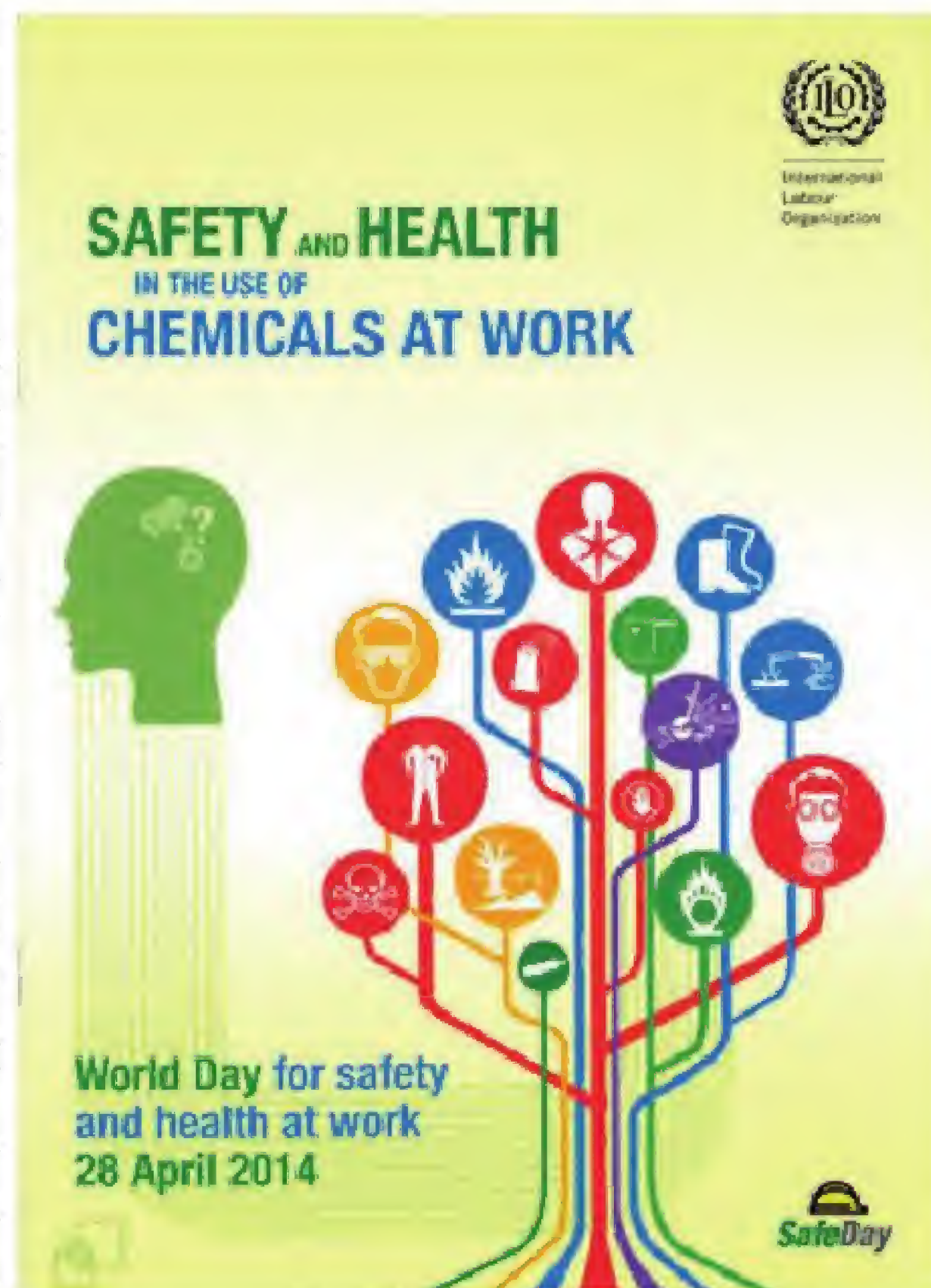
business lay-out, if there is a fire extinguisher, type and quantity of fire extinguishers, emergency exit door, exit sign, eating facility, temperature, ventilation, lighting and its quality (natural or artificial), noise, dust, if working with hazardous material such as asbestos-garbage and/or waste, the floor condition, dangerous gas or vapor from the job or other source, electrical installation, gas installation (gas containers must be outside of the building) and if a well equipped first aid kit is handy.

The officers also inspect the sanitary facilities (toilets): quantity, physical condition and hygienic condition. If there are separate toilets for male and female employees, this must be indicated with a sign and the facilities must have a window or exhaust fan.

In the construction sector, the employees will also undergo an inspection to check the condition of the tools, electrical equipment, and if they wear safety shoes. Scaffolds, hoist baskets, cranes etc, harness, ladder safety hat (for multiple storey buildings) safety glasses (when working with concrete nails and grinding machines), ear plugs (when there is extreme noise) are also taken not of, as well as enough water and no alcoholic beverages on premises.

In case there is a breach of safety or the well being of employees is at risk, the Safety Inspection & Research department will recommend the improvement of such. In case of an imminent danger and/or violation of certain section of the ordinance or decrees 1 and 2, the department can ordered this situation to be corrected immediately and stop the work at once.

Keep in mind, though that DTI doesn't close the business, it just forbids the employees to continue working. In a case where DTI detects a business with multiple offenses, which does not comply with the requirements prescribed by the law, the officers are allowed to stop the job until said business complies.



The Safety Inspection & Research department also cooperates with other government inspection departments during festivals, sport events, Carnival, etc.

For more information to clarify or report offenses, readers can anonymously contact DTI at tel. 584-5300 ext. 225, asking for Mario R. (Richard) Croes or send an e-mail to [dri@setar-net.aw](mailto:dri@setar-net.aw).

In principle, all employers must have a copy of the "Safety Regulation", 1990 GT 31 or ordinance, Safety Decree 1, AB 1991 GT 21 and Safety Decree 2, AB 1991 GT 22. They are available via the website [www.overheid.aw](http://www.overheid.aw). Interested parties can also ask DTI to send them a copy via e-mail.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# The Aruba Philatelic Service issues Birds of Paradise stamps

The birds-of-paradise are members of the family Paradisaeidae of the order Passeriformes. The majority of species are found in New Guinea and its satellites, with a few in the Maluku Islands and eastern Australia. The family has 41 species in 14 genera. The members of this family are perhaps best known for the plumage of the males of the sexually dimorphic species (the majority), in particular the highly elongated and elaborate feathers extending from the beak, wings, tail or head. For the most part they are confined to dense rainforest habitat. The birds-of-paradise have a variety of breeding systems, ranging from monogamy to lek-type polygamy. Societies of New Guinea often use bird-of-paradise plumes in their dress and rituals, and the plumes were popular in Europe in past centuries as adornment for ladies' millinery. The trade in skins and feathers of the birds-of-paradise has been going on for 2,000 years. A number of species are threatened by hunting and habitat loss.

(left to right)

## Paradisaea rudolphi / Blue Bird-of-paradise

The *Paradisaea rudolphi* is a medium-sized bird-of-paradise endemic to Papua New Guinea. Regarded by some ornithologists as the loveliest of all birds, the Blue Bird-of-paradise was discovered by Carl Hunstein in 1884. The scientific name commemorates the ill-fated Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria. The male is polygamous and performs a breathtaking courtship display. But unlike all other *Paradisaea* species, he performs solitary with the attending female nearby. In display, the male hangs upside down from a branch. The black oval with red margin at the center of his chest is rhythmically enlarged and contracted. His violet blue plumes spread out in a fan as he sways his body back and forth while the central tail feathers form two impressive arches down to either side. Throughout his performance he vocalizes softly in a low but harsh vibrating voice.



## Lophorina superba / Superb Bird-of-paradise

The *Lophorina superba* is a small, approximately 26 cm long passerine bird of the Paradisaeidae (Birds of Paradise) family. It is the only member in the genus *Lophorina*. The Superb Bird-of-paradise is distributed throughout rainforests of New Guinea. The species has an unusually low population of females, and competition amongst males for mates is intensely fierce. This has led the species to have one of the most bizarre and elaborate courtship displays in the avian world. After carefully and meticulously preparing a "dance floor" (even scrubbing the dirt or branch smooth with leaves), the male first attracts a female with a loud call. After the curious female approaches, his folded black feather cape and blue-green breast shield springs upward and spreads widely and symmetrically around its head, instantly transforming the frontal view of the bird into a spectacular ellipse-shaped creature that rhythmically snaps its tail feathers against the ground while hopping in frantic circles around the female. Even despite the elaborate display, the average female rejects 15-20 potential suitors before consenting to mate.

on an exposed vertical perch with its breast-shield flared. Its diet consists mainly of fruits and arthropods.

## Paradisaea apoda / The Greater Bird-of-paradise

The *Paradisaea apoda* is a Bird-of-paradise in the genus *Paradisaea*. Carolus Linnaeus named the species *Paradisaea apoda*, or "legless bird-of-paradise", because early trade-skins to reach Europe were prepared without feet by natives; this led to the misconception that these birds were beautiful visitors from paradise that were kept aloft by their plumes and never touched the earth until death. The Greater Bird-of-paradise is the largest member in the genus *Paradisaea*, with males measuring up to 43 cm (excluding the long twin tail wires). The female is smaller, at only 35 cm. The Greater Bird-of-paradise is distributed to lowland and hill forests of southwest New Guinea and the Aru Islands, Indonesia.

## Paradisaea minor / Lesser Bird-of-paradise

The *Paradisaea minor* is a medium-sized, up to 32 cm-long bird-of-paradise in the genus *Paradisaea*.

The males are polygamous, and perform courtship displays in leks. The female usually lays two pinkish eggs with dark markings in a nest in a tree high above the ground. Its diet consists mainly of fruits and insects. The Lesser Bird-of-paradise is distributed throughout forests of northern New Guinea, and the nearby islands of Misool and Yapen.

Tomorrow we will elaborate on the rest of Bird of Paradise stamps

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## KIA Motors America wins 2014 Kelley Blue Book

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"To be named a 2014 Brand Image Award winner for 'Best Value Brand' by Kelley Blue Book showcases Kia's continued commitment to providing tremendous value to its customers," said Michael Sprague, executive vice president of sales and marketing, KMA. "Value will always be at the forefront of every vehicle we sell. From the Rio all the way to the recently introduced K900 rear-drive luxury sedan, Kia continues to redefine what value means by offering an entire line-up of stunningly designed vehicles that



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are packed with the features and amenities to day's new-car shoppers demand."

Kia's "Best Value Brand" distinction is based on annual new-car buyer perception data collected by Kelley Blue Book Market Intelligence's Brand Watch Study.

"Kia has come a long way in the eyes of the consumer," said Arthur Henry, senior analyst for Kelley Blue Book. "Once known only for offering economy cars with good gas mileage, the brand has evolved through product growth and maturity into a high-value brand. This is a similar path fellow import brands Honda and Toyota took in the 1970s. In fact, Kia edges out Honda this year for the Best Value Brand title."



## LOCAL NEWS

# Joran van der Sloot may not marry



LIMA -- All necessary papers are collected for the planned wedding between Joran van der Sloot and the pregnant Leidy. However, van der Sloot and his fiancée have a problem. The director of the Piedras Gordas prison does not give his permission. According to Leidy the director called Joran a 'Dirty - shit Dutchman.'

The director said to the news paper la Prensa he had received orders from third parties "to not allow van der Sloot marry Leidy." According to Leidy the problem lies with the director who does not like Joran.

Joran's lawyer said that today he will, thru a judge, coerce the marriage license. According to calculations, Leidy will give birth in September and the two want to get married before delivery. Leidy said she is pregnant with twin boys.

According to his fiancée Joran is very much looking forward to become a father. "He loves it. I think he will be a good father."

# Fickle El Nino leads to modest hurricane forecast

MIAMI -- El Nino is one of those weather-nerd terms that comes up during debates over hurricane modeling systems and during tropical storm media marathons, which can run for several weeks.

At its most basic, El Nino is a pattern of above-average sea surface temperatures in the Pacific Ocean. Meteorologists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, released a prediction this

month that calls for an increased chance of El Nino conditions through the end of summer.

Warmer surface water temperatures over the Pacific Ocean bring winds to the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea that collide with any forming or established storms. Those winds can suppress a low pressure system, but there's no guarantee that El Nino will suddenly come to the rescue if and when a large system forms this summer.

El Nino is one of the reasons why meteorologists are calling for a below-average tropical season. Colorado State University, which is calling for nine tropical storms and three hurricanes, and the Weather Channel, which predicts 11 named storms and five hurricanes, mention the likely formation of El Nino conditions later this summer as one reason for the lower number of storms.

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## Anti-government protests return to Venezuela's streets

CARACAS (AFP) - Several thousand people took to the streets of Caracas and other Venezuelan cities Saturday to protest education reform plans and restrictions on the right to demonstrate.

The marches are the latest in a spate of at times violent anti-government unrest that erupted in February and has claimed at least 41 lives. By the end of the day, some 23 people, including eight minors, had been detained by police for putting up roadblocks in eastern and southeastern Caracas. Interior Minister Miguel Rodriguez Torres told state television. Authorities also used tear gas to disperse the demonstrators. The Education Ministry recently started consultations to reform the country's basic school curriculum in a move opponents say is aimed at "indoctrinating" students with socialist rhetoric promoted by late longtime leader Hugo Chavez and his political heir and successor, current President Nicolas Maduro. An estimated 3,000 mostly young marchers turned out in the capital Caracas, initially gathering near a university.

Some demonstrators carried signs that read "education is not indoctrination" and "fight for education that teaches us to think and not obey." Others slammed recent restrictions on protests with banners such as "protesting is my right." On Thursday, the Supreme Court issued a ruling requiring demonstrations be approved ahead of time by authorities or risk being dispersed, in order "to guarantee the right to free movement." Opponents say the ruling goes against democratic principles.

## Pope Francis declares John Paul II, John XXIII saints

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Francis on Sunday proclaimed John Paul II and John XXIII the Catholic Church's newest saints at a festive ceremony joined by hundreds of thousands of pilgrims for two pontiffs who helped shape 20th-century history.

"We declare and define as saints the blessed John XXIII and John Paul II," the Catholic leader said in a Latin prayer, as pilgrims and foreign dignitaries massed in St Peter's Square applauded and chanted: "Amen!"

In his homily, Francis praised them as "men of courage" who worked "in renewing and updating the Church".

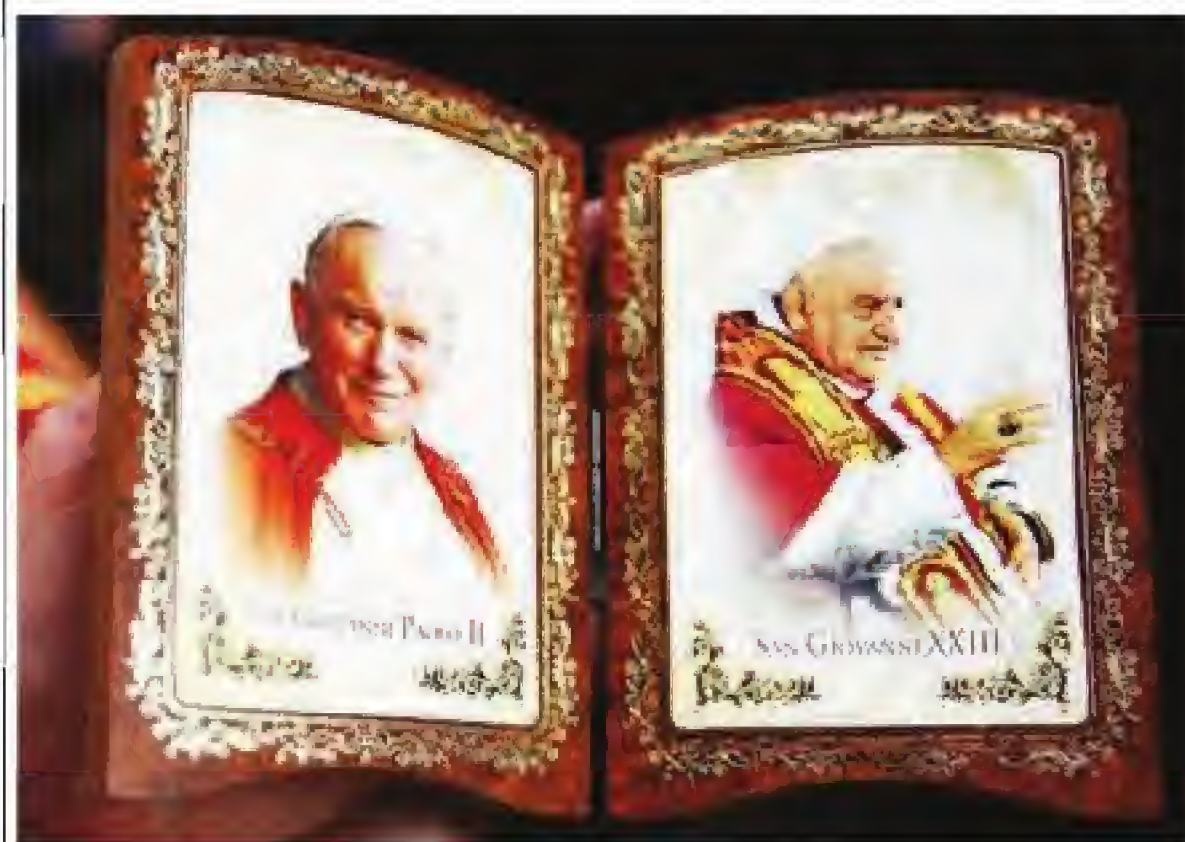
"They were priests, bishops and popes of the 20th century. They lived through the tragic events of that century but they were not overwhelmed by them. For them, God was more powerful," he said.

Pope emeritus Benedict XVI, who last year became the first pontiff to resign since the Middle Ages, made a rare public appearance in his white papal cassock.

Francis embraced him warmly at the ceremony and co-celebrated the mass with the 87-year-old Benedict and hundreds of bishops and cardinals -- the first time that two living popes have ever said mass together. It was also the first time that two Catholic Church leaders were being declared saints on the same day. The Vatican said 800,000 people followed the event dubbed "four-pope day", including 500,000 in and around St Peter's Square.

Many faithful waved the red-and-white flags from John Paul II's native Poland and some wore Polish folk costumes, while one pilgrim held a banner reading: "Two pope saints in heaven, two in St Peter's Square".

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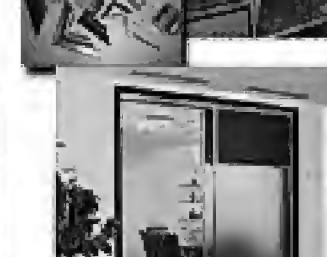
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More than 700 people have been injured in the months of anti-government unrest as angry students and others denounce rampant crime, inflation, widespread shortages of basic goods and other economic woes.

The demonstrations have died down recently but continued sporadically in pockets of eastern Caracas, which tends to be well off and anti-Maduro.



## WORLD NEWS

# Netherlands turns orange for first ever 'King's Day'

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Hundreds of thousands of orange-clad Dutch lined the streets on Saturday as the Netherlands celebrated its first-ever "King's Day" in honour of Willem-Alexander, inaugurated one year ago.

The popular king and his Argentinian-born wife, Queen Maxima, were greeted by thousands of enthusiastic fans in the northwestern fishing town of De Rijp, where they took part in traditional Dutch games. Queen Maxima hit a ball into the mouth of a mock-up whale -- symbol of the town's past as a whale processing centre -- to thunderous applause before moving on to receive flowers from well-wishers.

From there the royal procession, including the king's mother, now Princess Beatrix, who abdicated last year after 33 years on the throne, travelled south to Amstelveen near Amsterdam. The royal couple were awaited by their three daughters, crown-princess Amalia, 10 and princesses Alexia, 8 and Ariane, 6, who made a surprise appearance, before unveiling a giant painting in the city centre.

Willem-Alexander, 46, was sworn in on April 30 last year, the first Dutch king in more than 120 years. Saturday marked the first-ever "King's Day" celebration, a tradition introduced during the reign of a succession of Dutch queens, starting around 1890. The day came just ahead of the monarch's birthday on Sunday, and saw the country turn orange as the Dutch donned



hats, shirts, scarves, sunglasses and even blow-up crowns in the colour of the Royal House.

Some 89,000 people travelled by train to traditional party spot Amsterdam on Saturday morning, the Dutch rail service said, to join some 800,000 other visitors expected in the city.

Dutch media speculated that Willem-Alexander may change celebrations next year or do away with the tradition altogether, but he told crowds in Amstelveen: "Why would you want to change something that's such a success?"

Although the monarchy is popular in the Netherlands, some question the cost of the royal household and republicans are

seeking a reduction to the king's tax-free salary of 825,000 euros (about \$1.1 million). A survey published on Saturday by the NOS public broadcaster said 74 percent of those Dutch questioned said they trusted the king. Meanwhile, the government's information service on Saturday unveiled the Royal House's first Facebook page.

The introduction of technology is part of a "quiet revolution happening at the palace," Dutch centre-left newspaper De Volkskrant said this week. "Beatrix never sent an email and had a mobile phone for only six years. Following the king's inauguration his whole court is now armed with iPads and iPhones," the paper said.

Even web search giant Google took a bow on Saturday, sporting a royal orange theme for its Dutch search engine, [www.google.nl](http://www.google.nl).

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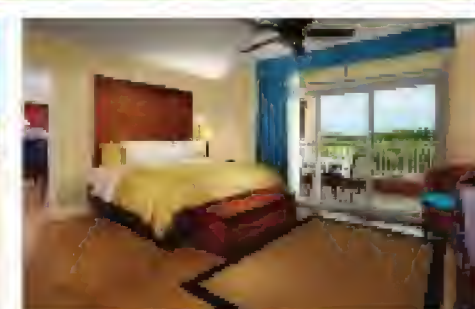
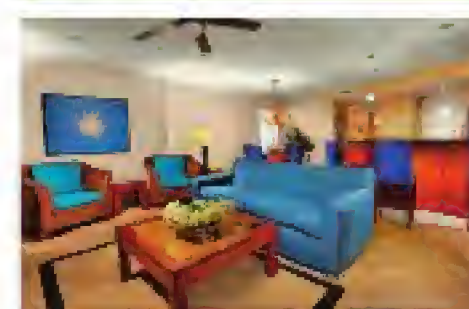
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## Rising Saudi death toll from MERS fuels public fear

JEDDAH (AFP) - The MERS death toll in Saudi Arabia neared 100 this weekend as the authorities scrambled to reassure an increasingly edgy population in the country worst-hit by the infectious coronavirus.

Public fears have been fuelled by a rapid rise in the number of fatalities from the respiratory infection, with 31 people dying this month -- almost a third of the 94 deaths registered since the virus emerged in April 2012.

The health ministry said Sunday that the total number of cases di-

agnosed since the virus was first recorded in the kingdom has reached 323, representing the bulk of infections registered globally.

Experts are still struggling to understand MERS, for which there is no known vaccine.

It is considered a deadlier but less-transmissible cousin of the SARS virus which erupted in Asia in 2003 and infected 8,273 people, nine percent of whom died.

Panic over its spread among medical staff in the western city of Jeddah led to the temporary closure of

a main hospital's emergency room.

At least four doctors at Jeddah's King Fahd Hospital resigned last week after refusing to treat MERS patients for fear of infection.

Ailing King Abdullah himself travelled to Jeddah on Thursday to reassure the public and demonstrate that "exaggerated and false rumours" about MERS are false, said his son, National Guard Minister Prince Mitab.

Fakieh said on Saturday that three specialised medical centres have been set up in Jeddah, Riyadh and Eastern

Province.

Schools remain open despite rumours of possible closures, but many have asked parents to equip their children with face masks and disinfectants.

Pharmaceutical sources have already spoken of a shortage of masks in Jeddah because of rising demand.

MERS infections are rising steadily just months ahead of the annual hajj pilgrimage to the Muslim sacred sites in Mecca and Medina, which this year comes in September.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Everyone is a winner with the annual AHATA Recycled Art Contest



First, second and third place winners Pre school posing with Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar



ORANJESTAD - One of the most entertaining events established to raise environmental awareness among the community is the annual Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA) Environmental Committee Recycled Art Contest. Over 250 very creative pieces were submitted two weeks ago, where they remained on display in the exhibition room of the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad.

On Friday, April 25, organizers announced the winners of the event, who were awarded trophies and prizes by Minister of Education, Family Policy and Adult Education, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar. Before announcing the winners, they first paid tribute to many volunteers whose efforts made this year's event such a success, and the sponsors who kindly donated dinners, weekends at resorts, free

tours, and merchandise as prizes.

Starting with the youngest entries, prizes were distributed to first, second and third place winners in categories of pre-schools, first to third grade, fourth to sixth grade elementary, secondary schools, individual amateur artists, individual professional artists and group submissions.

Pre-School winners, in descending order, were Kukuisa, Fontein and Arco Iris kindergartens. First to third grade winners were Sint Anna, Colegio San Jose and Sint Paulus. Fourth to Sixth Grade winners were Colegio Sagrado Curazon, Kudawecha and Sint Anna School. Secondary school top three winners were Juliana School, La Salle College and International School of Aruba.

In the individual artist divisions, the Amateur First Prize was won by Adelin Trimon, for her "Colorful Carnival" costume made of woven plastic supermarket bags. Cindy Regales won second place in both the individual and group artist competition for her cardboard owl and the beautiful vases and flowers constructed of magazine pages she made with her father Sidney, called "DNA of Expressions." Third place went to Mary Martes for her creative carnival costume made of recycled plastic bags, corks, and other materials.

Perennial entrant and first place winner Edgar Kock created a diverse collection of Christmas decorations out of recycled plastic cups to again take the top spot in the Pro Artist category. Second and third place winners were Agnes Leslie and Esther Yarzagary.

The first place trophy for a group entry was won by the team of Ma-



First prize individual Amateur Adelin Trimon, colors of carnival

roeschka Cornelie and Abigaile Venegas for their very distinctive portrait of Michael Jackson titled "This it It." A highly creative mosaic constructed from an incredible diversity of materials, including cut up cans to old beads, plastic straws, string, broken glass and who-knows-what-else off the refuse pile, it attracted the attention of judges and the public from the moment they entered the exhibition hall. Third place went to Abigail and Renderly Trimon for their huge, elaborate Barbie Dollhouse.

Chief organizers Vanessa Rasmussen and Daniel Aguirre expressed their extreme gratitude to all the sponsors, and the inspired work of all the artists for making this year's recycled art contest another success.

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## New pictures confirm North Korea nuclear activity

SEOUL (AFP) - A North Korean nuclear test within days "cannot be ruled out" analysts said Saturday, after new satellite imagery showed heightened activity at the test site. The report by the Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS) chimes with other findings and suggests Pyongyang is moving towards an underground detonation. Pictures taken on Friday -- the first day of US President Barack Obama's visit to neighbouring South Korea -- show an increase in movement near one entrance to a tunnel. North Korea has conducted three nuclear tests in 2006, 2009 and 2013, despite huge international pressure to halt its programme, and its activity is being keenly watched. However, the regime is notoriously unpredictable and observers warn that it is possible the preparations are a feint for the benefit of the satellites Pyongyang knows are watching. The North has a long record of making



threats in an effort to extract aid or concessions from the international community. But activity at the site is being watched particularly carefully because of Obama's presence in the region amid speculation Pyongyang would like to thumb its nose at the US.

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## Marijuana may cause heart problems in young adults

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - Young adults who smoke marijuana may be at risk for serious or even fatal heart problems, according to a study by French researchers.

The findings in the Journal of the American Heart Association raises new concerns about the safety of marijuana, just as many parts of the world are relaxing laws on its use and medicinal marijuana is gaining popularity for treating certain health conditions.

The risk of heart complications appeared small in the study, which included nearly 2,000 people who sought medical attention for complications related to marijuana from 2006 to 2010.

Of those, two percent, or 35 people, had heart attacks or circulation problems related to arteries in the brain and limbs.

Of greater concern was the high death rate. One in four of the patients with cardiovascular complications died, said the researchers.

The analysis also found that the percentage of reported cardiovascular complications more than tripled from 2006 to 2010.

Doctors should be aware of the heart risks and consider marijuana use as a potential contributor to cardiovascular disease in some patients, said Emilie Jouanous, a medical faculty member at the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Toulouse in Toulouse, France.

People with pre-existing conditions appeared most vulnerable, the study added.



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# ECONOMY

## Nokia finalises handset deal with Microsoft

## Alstom suspends shares as Siemens, GE gear up for takeover tussle

PARIS (AFP) - French engineering group Alstom said yesterday that it has suspended trading in its shares as expectations grew for a possible bidding war between industrial giants General Electric and Siemens.

The announcement came after French President Francois Hollande held a special meeting with senior ministers to discuss the future of the beleaguered firm, once considered a jewel of French industry that has fallen on hard times.

Germany's Siemens earlier in the day said it wanted to discuss strategic opportunities with Alstom, which it pursued without success a decade ago, after reports that US giant GE was seeking to buy the company's power generation arm.

"Given the strategic issues for industry and

the French economy, the government will not accept a decision, whatever it is, in haste or without considering the interests of the country," said France's Economy Minister Arnaud Montebourg.

Alstom said in a statement its shares would be suspended from trading in Paris until no later than Wednesday morning as it "continues and deepens its strategic reflection" on the future of its business, without giving further details.

The potential bidding war for the former industrial icon comes as France is seeking to jump start its economy by cutting public spending while relieving taxes on businesses.

Hollande's office said he was due to meet GE chief Jeff Immelt early on Monday to discuss options on the deal.



JIAXING -- AFP photo shows Queen Margrethe II of Denmark attending the factory ground breaking ceremony for LEGO Toy Manufacturing in Jiaxing, east China's Zhejiang province on April 27, 2014. The Danish toy maker has recorded breakneck growth in recent years, becoming the world's No. 2 toy maker by revenue, behind US-based Mattel Inc. but ahead of Hasbro Inc., as Lego's relatively narrow product lineup has remained popular even as children have gravitated toward digital games and mobile apps.

## The Netherlands is most attractive country in Western Europe for foreign companies

THE HAGUE -- Amongst countries in Western Europe the Netherlands is the most attractive country for foreign companies looking to establish themselves in this part of Europe.

This emerged from KPMG's latest Competitive Alternatives survey into international business location costs faced by companies starting up in different countries. The survey is carried out by KPMG every two years.

As far as costs go companies get off

cheapest in the Netherlands, followed by the United Kingdom and France.

Within Western Europe Germany is the most expensive country for starting companies.

From a global perspective the survey shows that Japan has considerably increased its attractiveness for foreign companies.

"As a result of the continuing low inflation and the substantial devaluation of the Yen over the past two

years, the competitive position of Japan has improved greatly in comparison with 2012", observes Elbert Waller, International Affairs Executive with KPMG.

Waller: "The Netherlands owes its leading position in Western Europe amongst others to low costs of (office) facilities, the uniform cost structure and specific incentives for companies that are active in the field of research and development."

### Saturday's Crossword Answer

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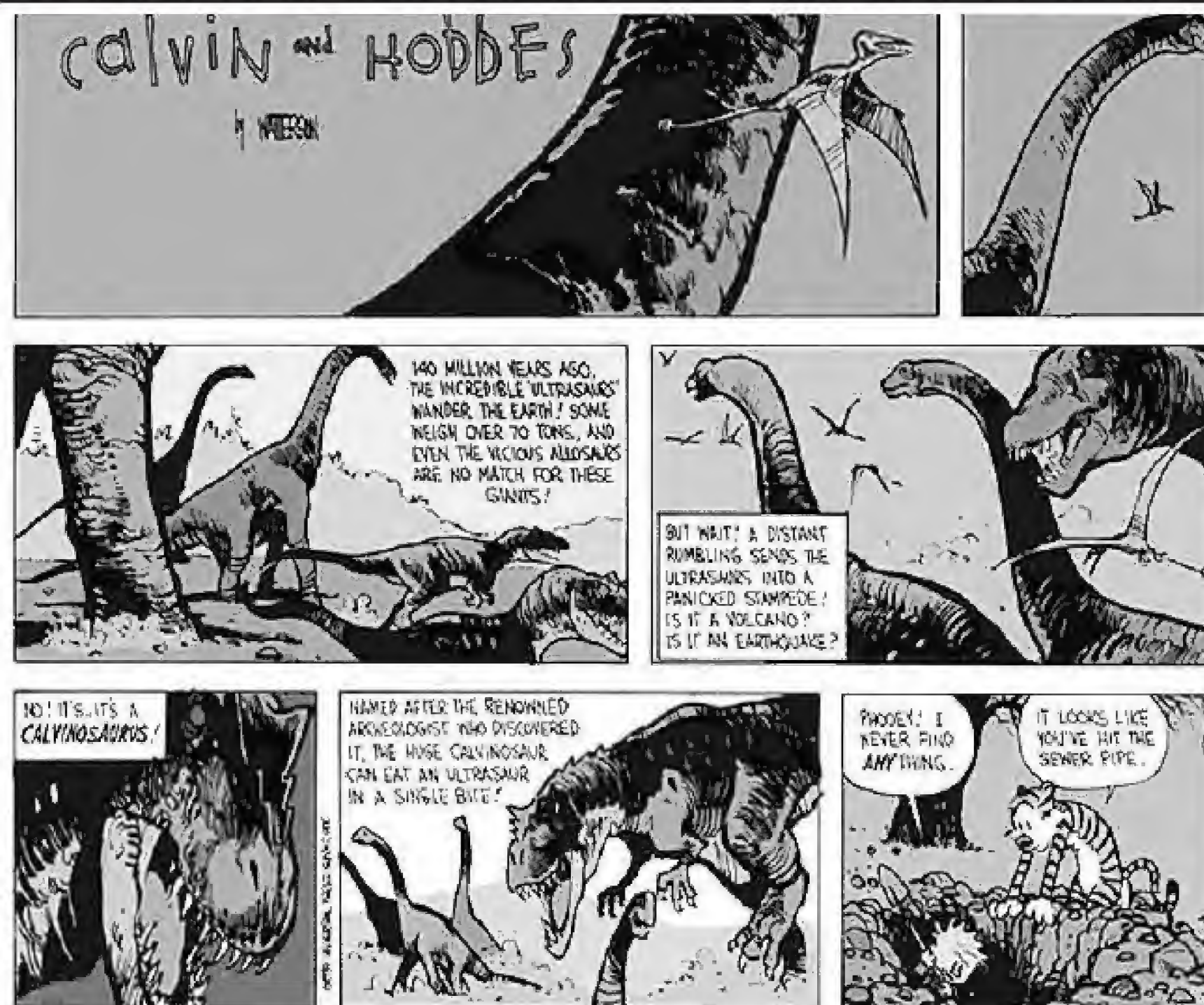
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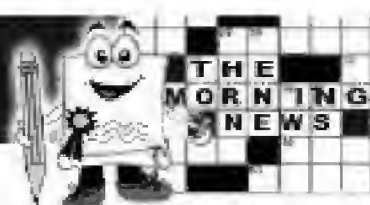
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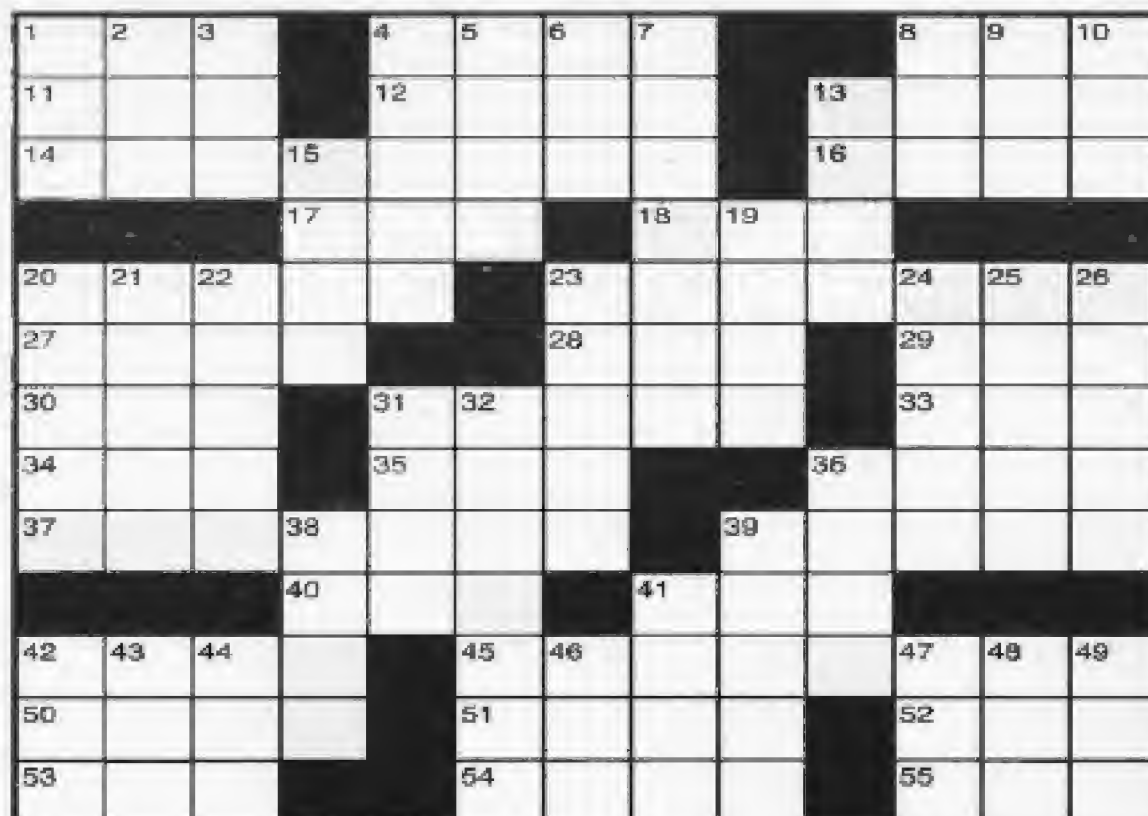


## CROSSWORD

### EASY CROSSWORD 62

#### ACROSS

1. Rummy variation
4. Page for viewpoints (hyph.)
8. Shower \_\_\_\_
11. Get by
12. Cinema's Turner
13. Flightless bird
14. Give different responsibilities to
16. Emulated
17. Snake-like fish
18. "\_\_\_ a Camera" (2 wds.)
20. Compare
23. More tranquil
27. Dutch cheese
28. Doting attention (abbr.)
29. Tycoon Onassis
30. Height (abbr.)
31. Gash
33. "For shame!"
34. Victory signal
35. That girl
36. "Three Bears" patriarch
37. Author Caldwell
39. Pinball errors



40. Parisian pal
41. Decompose
42. "Lost" award
45. Intensely happy
50. Wilts
51. Actress Campbell
52. "\_\_\_ you kidding me?"
53. Singer Jones
54. Lids
55. \_\_\_ Ripken, Jr.

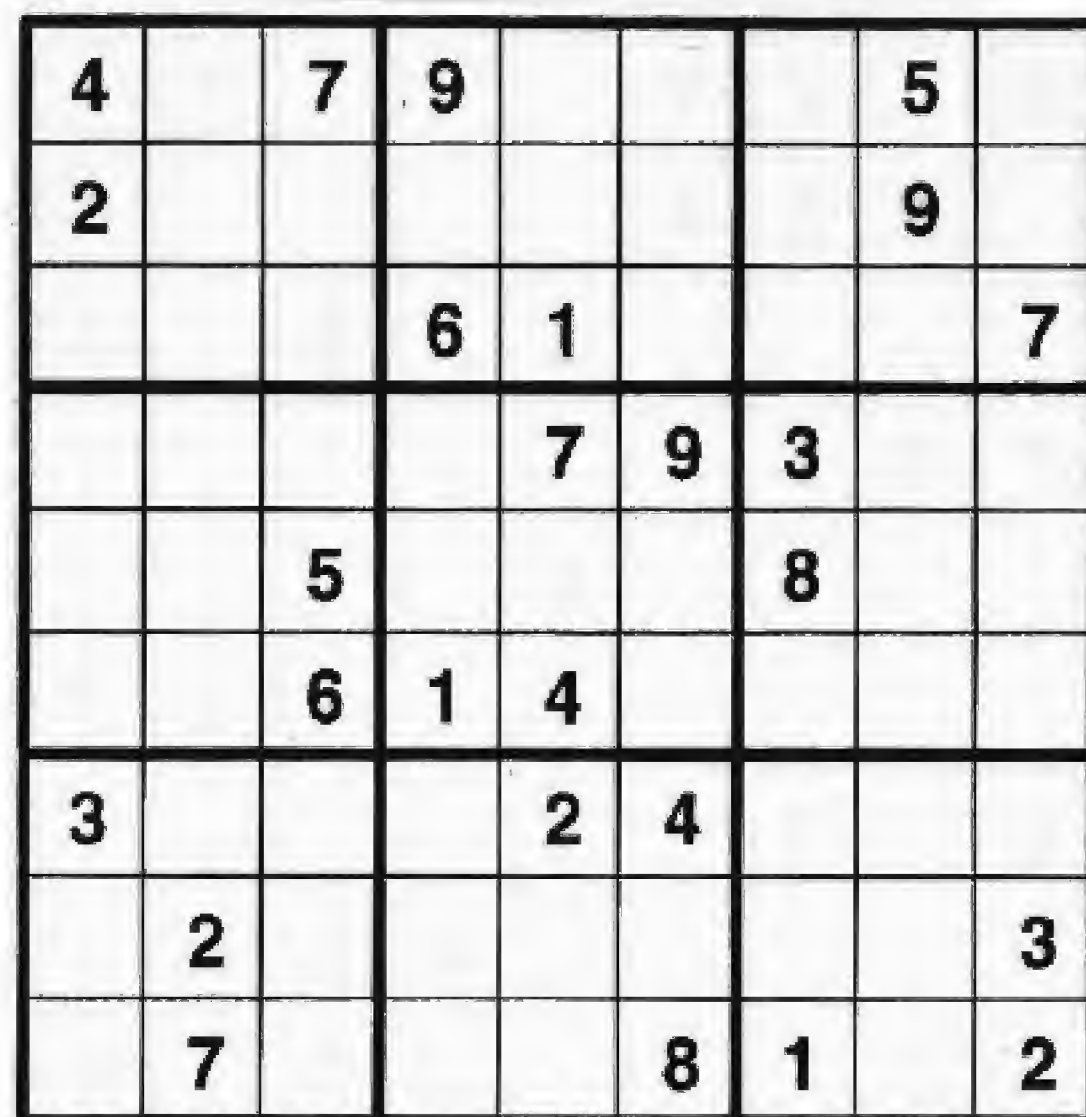
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1. Munich's land (abbr.)
2. "I Like \_\_\_"
3. Teacher's group (abbr.)
4. TV announcer Johnny
5. Milkmaid's

6. Dover's locale (abbr.)
7. Boone and Webster
8. Robber pursuer
9. Fizzless beverage
10. Pea container
13. \_\_\_ Margot Fonteyn
15. Appear
19. Shoe support
20. Go away
21. Sluggard
22. Hudson and Hepburn
23. Fixed look
24. Pertaining to birth
25. Let out lava
26. Coolidge and

31. Wedge
32. Opposite of strict
36. Pocket bread
38. Kyser and Starr
39. Hauls
41. Invite request
42. Superlative suffix
43. Chinese chairman
44. Leo the Lion's movie studio
46. Company's head (abbr.)
47. Tic-\_\_\_-toe
48. Author Levin
49. Animation unit

## Sudoku



### SOLUTIONS



Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9

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# WRITE-UPS

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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."



Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aru-

ba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area, also house a restaurant and mini-market.

There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and

public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision.

Visit their website: [www.goldcoastaruba.com](http://www.goldcoastaruba.com) for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.





# SPORTS

## Motorcycling: Marquez makes it three out of three in Argentina



TERMAS DE RÍO HONDO (AFP) - World champion Marc Marquez clinched his third win in three races this season with victory in the Argentina MotoGP on Sunday. The 21-year-old Spaniard also became the first rider in 43 years to win the the first three rounds from pole position. His Honda teammate Dani Pedrosa was second with Yamaha duo Jorge Lorenzo and Valentino Rossi in third and fourth spot respectively. Marquez, who had won in Doha and Austin, slipped back to fifth place after a poor start which saw 2010 and 2012 world champion Lorenzo storm to the front. Marquez won by 1.837sec from Pedrosa with Lorenzo 3.201sec off the pace and Rossi finishing almost five seconds behind. Marquez has a perfect 75 points in the championship standings with Pedrosa on 56 and Rossi in third on 41 points.

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## Football: Ajax clinch fourth straight Dutch title



THE HAGUE (AFP) - Ajax secured their fourth consecutive Dutch title on Sunday, and the 33rd of their history, after a 1-1 draw away to Heracles Almelo on the penultimate weekend of the season.

Lasse Schone gave Ajax the lead, and while Heracles soon drew level, the result gives the Amsterdam side an unassailable lead of four points from second-placed Feyenoord, who won 5-1 at home to Cambuur.

Frank de Boer's side have now equalled the Dutch league record for the most successive titles.

The triumph also guarantees direct qualification for next season's Champions League group stage for Ajax, who bounced back from their shock 5-1 loss to Zwolle in the final of the Dutch Cup last weekend.

De Boer, 43, won the title five times with Ajax as a player and has added four more in a row as coach, something that neither Rinus Michels nor Louis van Gaal, two Ajax coaching greats, ever managed.

Ajax's success comes despite the sale of a host of players last summer, including defender Toby Alderweireld, who joined Atletico Madrid, and Danish playmaker Christian Eriksen, who joined Tottenham Hotspur.

Feyenoord are guaranteed to finish second, which carries with it a place in the qualifying rounds for the Champions



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SAVANETA- From April 23 through 26 Aruba had the honor of hosting the CARIFTA 2014 annual swimming championships. This enabled islanders to appear in force to cheer on their athletes at the Roly Bislik Olympic Pool in Savaneta, and Team Aruba responded accordingly.

Setting new CARIFTA and personal records, the team far surpassed their performance last year in Jamaica during the CARIFTA 2013. They won no less than 51 medals in the swim racing divisions during the and on Friday evening, the final night, earned 11 medals: four gold two silver and five brons. Moreover, Team Aruba advanced from their fourth placed standings after the first day of heats to take Second Place Overall behind The Bahamas, the Champions of Carifta 2014. Aruban Patrick Groters won the High Point Trophy in the Males 13-14 Years, Male Division, breaking one of his own personal records by ten seconds.

The first finalist to win a medal for Aruba was Florence Kock, who took bronze in the 13-14 year Women's 400M Freestyle. In the same event for men, Patrick Groters won silver. In the 15-17 year Women's Freestyle, 400M, Daniella van Den Burg won bronze; in the same event for men, Mikel Schreuders also claimed the bronze medal.

In the 50M Freestyle for ages 11 to 12, women's, Elisabeth Timmer won a bronze medal and Brandon Cheong claimed the bronze in the men's competition.

Brandon Cheong, established a new record for CARIFTA in the 100m breaststroke, men's 11-12 category of 1.13.81, to win the

first gold medal of the meet for Aruba. Jordy Groters won the second gold medal for Aruba in the 15 - 17 years men's, with a time of 1.04.25, a new, personal record for him and CARIFTA.

In the 200m backstroke for 13 - 14 years, men, Patrick Groters won gold and catapulted Aruba into second place overall.

The ultimate event in the Carifta 2014 Swim Meet is the 200m freestyle relay. In the 11 - 12 age division, both women's and men's, Aruba came in sixth place. However, in the 13 - 14 year, Women's Aruba's team of Lissane Kelly, Keelay Maduro, Junice Martin, Florence Kock finished in second place to claim the silver medal. In the 15 - 17 year women's division relay, Aruba won gold thanks to a great finish by Rebecca Maduro against Evans of The Bahamas along with her teammates Ginayla Arends, and sisters Andrea and Daniella van den Berg.

On the final night The Bahamas was announced the champions of Carifta 2014. On Saturday, the Secretary General of the Aruba Olympics Committee and a member of the International Olympics Committee, Nicole Hoevertsz, presented the winners with their trophies. Accepting the sub-champion award on behalf of the Aruba team were Jordy Groters and Daniella van den Berg. THE Aruba Swimming Federation congratulates all their athletes, staff and coaches for performing so well during CARIFTA 2014 event, and thanks all the organizing committee and volunteers for their untiring efforts to make it memorable for all.

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